

## REBELS BUY ARMS

Chinese Agent has Landed in America

Victoria, British Columbia, March 25.—Marcus C. Hill, a Yokohama merchant, who arrived on the steamer Kaga Maru, is said to be carrying orders to New York for arms and ammunition for the rebels in southern China. Mr. Hill, in an interview, says that if the cable reports of the capture of six cities by the rebels are correct, the movement, which is under Dr. Sunyatsen, will be successful.

Before leaving for America Mr. Hill saw the rebel leader and was told by him that 50,000 troops were ready to join the rebellion and would bring with them modern arms and ammunition. Recruits, he says, are flocking to the rebel standard and their hope is to reach the city of Canton. Here they expect to get sufficient ammunition and arms and treasure to carry on the rebellion, which will eventually result in the overthrow of the reigning power in China. Dr. Sunyatsen believes the time opportune for the rebellion. However, the rebels, it is said, will not molest foreigners. The whole movement is to accomplish the overthrow of the present dynasty.

When the Kaga Maru left thousands of refugees were flocking into Kwangtung in advance of the rebels, and the following dispatch describes the conditions prevailing in Kwang-si:

"According to statements of refugees arrived at Kwangtung from Nanking Fuh and Yulin Chow, the whole province of Kwang-si is in a state of revolution the number of insurgents being estimated at 450,000. The various villages under the jurisdiction of Yulin Chow have been sacked and burned. The imperialist section is devoid of influence. The insurgents are possessed of arms of the new model."

Since the return of the Chinese court to Peking \$459,000, the aggregate sum of the tribute from different provinces, has been exhausted. It is reported that \$150,000 was spent to pay the railway fees from Paoing to Peking. The board of revenue is now at its wits end to meet the crisis.

The waters of the river Watarase, in Japan, have been polluted through the working of the Ashio copper mine, and some 300,000 people who draw their supply from this river are in dire distress.

Recently a mob of 4,000 men, women and children started for Tokio to demand redress from the minister, but the majority were stopped by the police and only 400 reached the capital. The minister saw the delegation and promised to remedy the evil.

## IT FELL THROUGH

Kansas Fusion Scheme Went to Smash Yesterday.

Topeka, March 25.—After consuming the entire day in wrangling, the Populist and Democratic State committees, in joint session here today, failed to agree in fusion and the State conventions of the parties will be held on different dates.

When the two committees met this morning, the Populists presented a resolution which they had adopted in caucus requesting the Democrats to postpone their State convention from May 22 to June 15, in order to give the Populists time to abandon their organization and join the Democrats. There were thirty-three of the forty-five Democratic committeemen present and the vote to refuse to postpone their convention was unanimous. When the Democrats reached this decision, the Populists met in executive session and called a convention to meet June 24 at some place to be decided upon later.

This decision of the Populist committee was arrived at only after a fight in which Chairman E. R. Ridgely and Secretary Curran were badly worsted. Ridgely and his faction wanted to call their convention on the same date as the Democratic convention and were beaten by a vote of nine to six.

The action of the Democrats in turning down the request of the Populists was a surprise to the politicians of the latter party. They could not realize, until the final vote was taken, that the Democrats were done with their services. They were very indignant when the result became known. Many of them declared that the Gorman-Hill Democrats were in control of the Democratic committee.

## PREPARING A FLEET

Story That an Invasion of Tripoli by Italy is Contemplated.

New York, March 24.—The military expedition, whose objective point is believed to be Tripoli, is fitting out at Italian ports, according to a dispatch from Rome to a New York newspaper.

Ten large steamers suitable for carrying troops have been chartered by the government. These are being fitted out as transports, and when they are ready will be capable of carrying thousands of soldiers. A large amount of ammunition has been stored in the arsenals ready for instant use. Few leaves of absence are being granted, and these are only for short periods.

## SUSPICION TAYLOR.

Scandal Threatens the Treasury Department.

Washington, March 24.—Among members of the House, Republicans as well as Democrats, it is quite freely predicted that exposures are in prospect which will shake the Treasury department down to its very foundations. The Immigration bureau is not the only one involved, but scandals are hinted at, said to exist in all the bureaus of the present Assistant Secretary Taylor is in charge.

An official who has charge of a certain line of contracting, at a salary of \$2,000 annually, is said to be building a \$50,000 residence.

Commissioner General of Immigration Powderly seems to have more friends and backers than was apparent when the announcement was first made that the President had determined on his removal. Those in touch with Immigration bureau affairs declare that he was not only cognizant of the Ellis island scandal, but that he insisted on investigation and that his alleged revelation of corruption was suppressed by Taylor.

A number of Republican Congressmen have signified their intention of calling on the President to make the situation clearer to him, and to advise the removal of Taylor rather than that of Powderly.

## BURTON MEETS THE BOYS

The Senator's Friends Come to Kansas City to Greet Him

Kansas City, March 25.—J. Ralph Burton, junior United States senator from Kansas, is making a tour through that state on a mission to repair various dilapidated political fences. The word was passed along the line that "Burton wanted to meet the boys." When he alighted from the Missouri Pacific train at the Union depot at 7 o'clock this morning politicians of high and low degree, from the east and the south of Kansas, and way out in the short grass country were there to greet him.

Senator Burton held a levee in the Blossom house from 7 o'clock until 11 o'clock, when he left on the Rock Island train for Clay Center, where he will make a speech at the convention where Congressman Calderhead is scheduled for nomination this afternoon. Tomorrow night he will speak at a banquet to be given by the Young Men's Republican club at Concordia, Kansas. He will spend a part of Thursday and Friday at Topeka. The schedule includes a short stop at his home town Abilene, but just when he will reach that place is not definitely determined. Then Senator Burton will hasten back to Washington.

## DESERTION A FINAL BAR

President Roosevelt Places Himself on Record Against Reinstating.

Washington, March 24.—The fact that the president has vetoed a bill for the relief of an ex-soldier charged with desertion is held to put a stop to all future legislation of the kind. In the past numerous bills have been passed from time to time relieving men of the charge of desertion, which barred them from drawing a pension. Congress has been unusually liberal in this direction, and any man who was able to raise a reasonable doubt as to the justice of the finding against him, almost invariably has been given the benefit of special legislation relieving him of the charge and making him eligible to draw a pension. Under President Roosevelt's sweeping denial of relief in such cases, a bill must have exceptional merit and the injustice of the charge must be self-apparent, in order to insure his approval. Members hold that it is practically a bar against all legislation of this kind.

## HEAVY PUNISHMENT

The Cuban Postoffice Embezzlers Have Their Sentence Now

Havana, March 24.—The trials before the Audiencia court of the cases arising from the embezzlement of Cuban postal funds have resulted in the following sentences:

C. F. W. Neeley, ten years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$56,701.

W. H. Reeves, ten years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$35,516.

Estes G. Rathbone, ten years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$45,324.

WILL APPEAL THE CASE

By Scripps-McRae Press Association. Washington, March 25.—Governor Wood received a cable this morning saying that Rathbone, Neeley and Reeves, convicted of postal frauds in Havana and sentenced to ten years each and heavy cash fines, have taken an appeal to the supreme court of Cuba. In high official circles here the sentence is generally applauded, as it is believed the shock to Cuban confidence caused by their misdeeds could only be counteracted by impartial and relentless justice. The severity of the sentence occasioned comment among the friends of Rathbone, who say he was guilty of nothing more than extravagance.

The woman's department in the state penitentiary is crowded. This never happened until mirrors were placed in each cell.

## CECIL RHODES IS DEAD

Rich and Ambitious Englishman Whom Boers Hated Passes Away

By Scripps-McRae Press Ass'n.

London, March 26.—Reports received here from Cape Town state that Cecil Rhodes died there this morning. He was born in England in '53, the son of a clergyman. On account of weak lungs he was sent to South Africa and was there when the first diamonds were found. He immediately took the lead in the development of the work, eventually combining all the diamond companies under the name of the De Beers Mining Company, of which he was president. He then chartered the British South Africa Company, whose troops conquered the Mashonas and Matabeles, their lands being formed into one territory called Rhodesia. Later he projected the Cape Town Cairo railway which is well under way. Rhodes's estate is estimated at from eighty to one hundred million. He was a bachelor. The Boer president Kruger habitually refers to Rhodes as "murderer." At the outbreak of the war, the Boers besieged Kimberly, chiefly to capture Rhodes on whose head a price of a hundred thousand dollars was set. Rhodes's energy prevented their success.

He has often been charged with a large responsibility of bringing about the present war between England and the Boers, it being said that he had in mind a great new empire of the south. His death may assist in an early bringing about of peace again.

## AGAINST POPULISTS.

Attorney General's Opinion on the Election Board.

Topeka, March 24.—Attorney General Godard has rendered an opinion on the new election law which probably will prevent the Populist party from having representatives on the election board in the state next fall. The law provides that the dominant party shall have two judges and a clerk and the second largest party shall have one judge and a clerk. It has been thought that this law meant that the parties with first and second greatest vote in the voting precinct should control the boards, but Mr. Godard holds that the size of the parties shall be judged according to their total vote cast in the state at the last election. The Populist vote was third in size in 1900.

## IN THE PHILIPPINES

The Reports of Plague on the Islands Confirmed.

Washington, March 24.—Surgeon General Sternberg has received official advices from Manila confirming the press reports of the existence of Asiatic cholera and plague in the Philippines, but does not regard the situation as serious. He is confident of the ability of the medical authorities to prevent an epidemic of either contagion. The plan of General Chaffee to expedite the departure of the remaining battalion of the Third Infantry from Manila upon the transport Grant, a week ahead of the schedule, as a precautionary measure against the possible spread of the cholera to troops returning to the United States, is approved at the War department.

## BY ACCLAMATION

Fifth District Convention in Session Less Than an Hour.

Clay Center, Kas., March 25.—It took the Fifth District Republican convention just forty-five minutes by the watch this afternoon to nominate Congressman W. A. Calderhead for a fifth time, and to adopt a platform on which he is to run this fall. Joseph Tomlinson, of Ottawa county, was chairman, and W. S. Elliott, of Riley, secretary. The convention treated the public to an innovation by electing Rev. James Thomas, colored, of Saline, as chaplain. He prayed long and loud for the Republican party and called upon the Almighty to see that the Republicans sweep Kansas at the election this year. There were no contests and the services of a credential committee were dispensed with.

## SEVEN TAKEN OUT DEAD

In a Clay Cave-in Nine Workmen Were Buried.

Cleveland, O., March 25.—Nine workmen were buried in an excavation for the foundation of a new tank at the plant of the Cleveland Gaslight company on Lighthouse street this afternoon and seven of the men have been taken out dead.

A gang of men was at work digging and shoveling twenty five feet below surface when, without any warning, several tons of clay toppled over upon them.

## BRIGHTER FOR PATRICK

His Case is Now Before the Jury and Seems Favorable.

By Scripps-McRae Press Ass'n. New York, March 26.—Lawyer Albert Patrick, charged with the murder of William Rice, may know his fate before night. Recorder Goff delivered the charge to the jury at noon. The court room opinion is that Patrick will either be acquitted for the jury disagree.

## TOWNSITE LEASE LEGAL

Right of Leasing School Lands Rests Solely With Board

Guthrie, O. T., March 25. The question as to whether the board for leasing the school lands of the territory had the right to lease any part of such lands for the purpose of building townsites has long been an open one. The attorney general and the commissioner of the general land office at Washington held that the board had no such right. On appeal to the secretary of the interior, that official has decided and notified the board today that the right to lease was solely vested in it and that the interior department had no supervisory jurisdiction. This is good news for Mountain View and Luther, also for other towns built wholly or in part on leased school lands.

## WILL NOT RESIGN

Emphatic Statement Made by Secretary of the Interior.

Washington, March 24.—Secretary Hitchcock has returned from St. Louis where he was called by the illness and subsequent death of his brother. He denied that he had any intention of resigning his cabinet portfolio or ever had contemplated retiring. He refused to discuss the reports to that effect that have been current beyond characterizing them as without foundation. He replied in the negative when asked if he might not find it necessary to resign in order to take up the responsibilities that had formerly devolved upon his deceased brother in directing their private business in the West.

## SAYS BOERS WON'T QUIT

Their Agent Says Favorable Terms is the Only Way for Peace

By Scripps-McRae Press Ass'n.

Amsterdam, March 24.—Boer agent Fisher, who was interviewed here today peace can be secured in South Africa only on terms which are favorable to the Boers and that the spirit of the Boers is more resolute than ever; that the commandos are better than ever. He is looking forward to the winter with confidence.

Kruger intimates that he has been aware of the intentions of Shalk-burger and others for some time. The Boers here say that the fighting Boers are merely empowered to receive proposals from Kitchener, the disposition of them being made here.

## WILL WADE GET IT NOW

Washington is Wondering as to Otis' Successor.

By Scripps-McRae Press Association.

Washington, March 26.—There is considerable speculation as to who will be appointed to the vacancy of major general caused by the retirement of Otis. General Wade by right of seniority, should get the double star, but three junior officers in the past have been promoted over his head. General Brooke and Wheaton retire in July and there is little doubt that Leonard Wood will be promoted then unless he gets the present vacancy. It is generally admitted that Wood eventually will succeed Miles in command of the army.

## \$12,000 FOR A LIFE

New York Court of Appeals Decides How Much Life is Worth.

By Scripps-McRae Press Ass'n.

New York, March 26.—The court of appeals, the highest tribunal in the State, has appraised the value of a human life and a human leg. It decides in the case of Leslie Morris that the former is worth \$7,500. It decides in the case of John Fullerton that the latter is worth \$12,000.

## TELEGRAPH NEWS NOTES

Cape Town, March 21.—Cecil Rhodes passed a good night. He was able to take some nourishment.

Dighton, Kansas, March 20.—Anthony Wyne, aged 28 was found dead in a ravine four miles northeast of Healy last night. He was demented and had wandered out and died of exposure.

Paducah, Ky., March 20.—At Madrid Bend two negroes were killed by white men and three probably fatally beaten. The trouble started over the theft of a chicken by one of the negroes.

Zanesville, Ohio, March 20.—In a class scrap between Freshmen and Sophomores here last night two Freshmen were shot, probably not fatally.

Leavenworth, March 20.—Six of the convicts who escaped from the Federal penitentiary are still at large and a determined effort is being made in the southwest to capture them.

Berlin, March 20.—Admiral Prince Henry of Prussia hoisted his pennant at noon today on the battleship Kaiser Friedrich III, as commander of the Kiel waters.

Topeka, March 24.—Dr. Fahrig, the Philadelphia scientist, arrived here this morning and will take charge of the mill for the extraction of gold from the Trego shale.

Omaha, March 25.—Chas. Ahl, chief cattle buyer for Cadaby and well known throughout the west, was gored by a mad bull at the stock yards today and badly torn.

## Reception to New Minister.

Last Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Bowler a reception was tendered by the congregation of the Presbyterian church to Rev. and Mrs. Culbertson. It was a sort of "get-acquainted" affair, and the large rooms were crowded. Presbyterian punch and wafers were served and the gathering proved to be a very enjoyable social affair.

Reverend and Mrs. Culbertson are young people, possessed of the very desirable ability to enjoy themselves and assist others to enjoy themselves. Both are cordial and likable and the congregation has required but one short week to make up its mind that it is going to think a great deal of the new minister and his wife and already there is evidence of a renewed activity in all departments of the church.

## Sisters of Charity as Nurses

The new hospital soon to be opened on South Walnut street by Drs. Coffman and Dresbach is being fitted up already. New furniture has been purchased and is arriving and the large, comfortable, airy building will be neatly and cleanly equipped. Application has been made and there is a promise that a favorable answer will be received to have four Sisters of Charity come here and take charge of the hospital. The Sisters would attend to everything, "keeping house" in the hospital, doing the purchasing, nursing and everything. Experience has taught that better nurses are seldom found and if the Mother Superior, who is expected soon from Wichita to look into the matter, decides to send them here the hospital will be largely turned over to them. The doctors, of course, will own the hospital and will pay a fixed sum for the work of the nurses.

## Marsh Hart Sells Out.

Marsh Hart who for some time has conducted a grocery business on north Washington avenue in the Sleeper block has sold out his stock to H. P. Wicks and they are invoicing today. Mr. Hart expects to start next Tuesday for his claim, forty miles south of Anthony, Kansas, in the new country the one he drew in the big lottery. His son Bob expects to join him there along in May and they will run the farm and engage in the cattle business, in which both are experienced.

Mr. Wicks, the new grocer, has lived many years east of Humboldt and is now residing in Brooklyn Park.

## Frank Whitaker, Merchant

Frank Whitaker has bought the cigar and newspaper business from Jack Holt and has taken charge. Mr. Holt has conducted a very successful business in the little room on east Madison avenue but for reasons of his own desired a change. He has several things in view, one of which will mean his continued residence here, another his removal to Denver. It is certainly hoped that he and his wife will remain here. Frank Whitaker is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Whitaker, a boy who has called Iola home all his life, and he will have the good will and good wishes of everybody in his first business venture.

## Kansas Edition—Arabian Nights

Here is a mighty good bit of advertising from the editorial page of the Lawrence Journal which Iola could not have bought for love or money. The Journal says:

The glass workers of Indiana contemplate removing to Kansas in order to secure natural gas for their business. The supply of gas in the Indiana wells is rapidly giving out, and it is necessary for the glass men to seek new fields for their factories. They believe that they can find no better place than the gas fields of Kansas, and are making an examination of them preparatory to making arrangements for removal there. How strange these items of news sound now to those who for years had believed that Kansas was good for nothing but agriculture. The wealth of the Indies is lying under the ground in southeastern Kansas, perhaps in many other localities of the state, and yet for years and years the farmers walked over it and never suspected the limitless resources beneath them. Oil, coal, gas, lead, zinc, all in quantities that are practically inexhaustible, are coming from beneath the farm and gardens and feed lots that for years were worth but a few dollars an acre. Outside of the lead and zinc districts the most wonderful development has been in and around Iola. Some years ago Iola tried to get into good society by reason of the possession of a well that bubbled, and furnished water that was so nasty that nobody would drink it without a physician's prescription. Now the well is forgotten, while around it are derricks and whistling gas wells, each worth ten times as much as the one that produced the nasty water. And Iola itself from a sleepy, spiritless, ramshackle town of a thousand people, has jumped into commercial greatness, and boasts electric lights, and electric cars, great smelters, with thousands of workmen, big stores, handsome residences and wealth that a few years ago would have astounded the inhabitants. And yet, the resources of that country have scarcely begun to develop. Apparently there is no limit to possibilities of that part of the state.

SICK MADE WELL  
WEAK MADE STRONG

Marvelous Elixir of Life Discovered by Famous Doctor-Scientist That Cures Every Known Ailment

Wonderful Cures Are Effected That Seem Like Miracles Performed—The Secret of Long Life of Olden Times Revealed.

The Remedy is Free to All Who Send Name and Address.

After years of patient study, and delving into the dusty record of the past, as well as following modern experiments, the realm of medical science, Dr. James W. Kidd, 2922 HALTIN BUILDING, FORT WAYNE, Ind., makes the startling announcement that he has surely discovered the elixir of life. That he is able with the aid of a mysterious compound, known only to himself, produced as a result of the years he has spent in searching for this precious life-giving boon, to cure any and every disease that is known to the human body. There is no doubt of the doctor's earnestness in making his claim, and the remarkable cures that he is daily effecting seem to bear him out very strongly. His theory which he advances is one of reason and is based on sound experiences in a medical practice of many years. It costs nothing to try his remarkable "Elixir of Life," as he calls it, for he sends it free, to anyone who is a sufferer, in sufficient quantities to convince of its ability to cure, so there is absolutely no risk to run. Some of the cures effected are very remarkable, and but for reliable witnesses would hardly be credited. The lame have



DR. JAMES WILLIAM KIDD.

thrown away crutches and walked about after two or three trials of the remedy. The sick, given up by home doctors, have been restored to their families and friends in perfect health. Rheumatism, neuralgia, stomach, heart, liver, kidney, blood and skin diseases and bladder troubles disappear as by magic. Headaches, backaches, nervousness, fevers, consumption, coughs, colds, asthma, catarrh, bronchitis and all affections of the throat, lungs or any vital organs are easily overcome in a space of time that is simply marvelous. Partial paralysis, locomotor ataxia, dropsy, gout, scrofula and piles are quickly and permanently removed. It purifies the entire system, blood and tissues, restores normal nerve power, circulation and a state of perfect health is produced at once. To the doctor's systems are able and usually affected by the great "Elixir of Life." Send for the remedy today. It is free to every sufferer. State that you want to be cured of and the sure remedy for it will be sent you free by return mail.

## Where is that Opera House?

It begins to look as if that new opera house was to be lost just as the others have been. One man started the talk and immediately several more bobbed up. There arose a rivalry of claims and talk of better offers until the public believed that the men desirous of building a theatre would grow jealous and build one just to spite somebody else. As a matter of fact the only way Iola will ever have a really good house is by giving a bonus in the way of contracts for high priced seats for the opening night. A \$25,000 opera house represents a lot of money and the first show is expected to return something like \$5,000 to the promoters. This is no new graft; it is the method employed by opera house builders everywhere.

The talk has not blown over yet but the chilly reception which one man got who started out to get a guarantee has dampened the ardor of the other men. If you want an opera house, encourage the idea by talk and a promise to put in some of your own money for a ticket or two.

## Forged a Check and Fled

Mr. Miller, the man who runs a restaurant and store in Cementville is out five dollars worth. Saturday night he cashed an order from Thornton Bliss for five dollars. It was written out, dated and signed correctly. Bliss was formerly boss at the quarries and the man who cashed the order was Jim Howard who worked under him there for six months. Miller would have given him \$20 on the order if asked to. Bliss says the order was forged and refused payment. He consulted a lawyer and learned that no punishment can be inflicted as the amount is under \$20 and the forger has left the state. It is a mighty bad habit to get into and a bad crime to ever get out of.

## He Will Be Bound Over.

Harry Gilligan, the man who shot two other young men Saturday night at an east side resort, was given a preliminary hearing before Judge Potter Tuesday afternoon. Two complaints were sworn out against him, one by Harry Shell, charging that he shot him in the back, and one by J. M. Ramsay charging that he shot him in the arm. There will probably be no real trial, the defendant waiving his preliminary and going to jail to await trial in the district court. Assault with a deadly weapon is a felony, punishable by sentence to the penitentiary.

Well put! The Parsons Sun says: "A few ripples will radiate from the spot where Tillman sank into popular oblivion."